

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 900

By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Katelyn Renee Walker,  
2006 Co-Salutatorian of Pigeon Forge High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Katelyn Renee Walker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Pigeon Forge High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Walker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Katelyn Renee Walker has earned an exemplary 3.99 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was voted "Most Talented" by her senior classmates, was named "Pride of Pigeon Forge," and participated in Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership and the Student Congress on Policies with Education; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Walker is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Student Government Association, Leo Club, Interact Club, Senior Beta Club, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she served as Senior Class Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is also a gifted athlete who served with distinction as Captain of both the Color Guard and the Dance Team; and

WHEREAS, Katelyn Renee Walker has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at the University of Memphis, where she has been awarded the Provost Scholarship and a private scholarship; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parent, Tracey Smith, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Katelyn Renee Walker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Katelyn Renee Walker, 2006 Pigeon Forge High School Co-Salutatorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.